



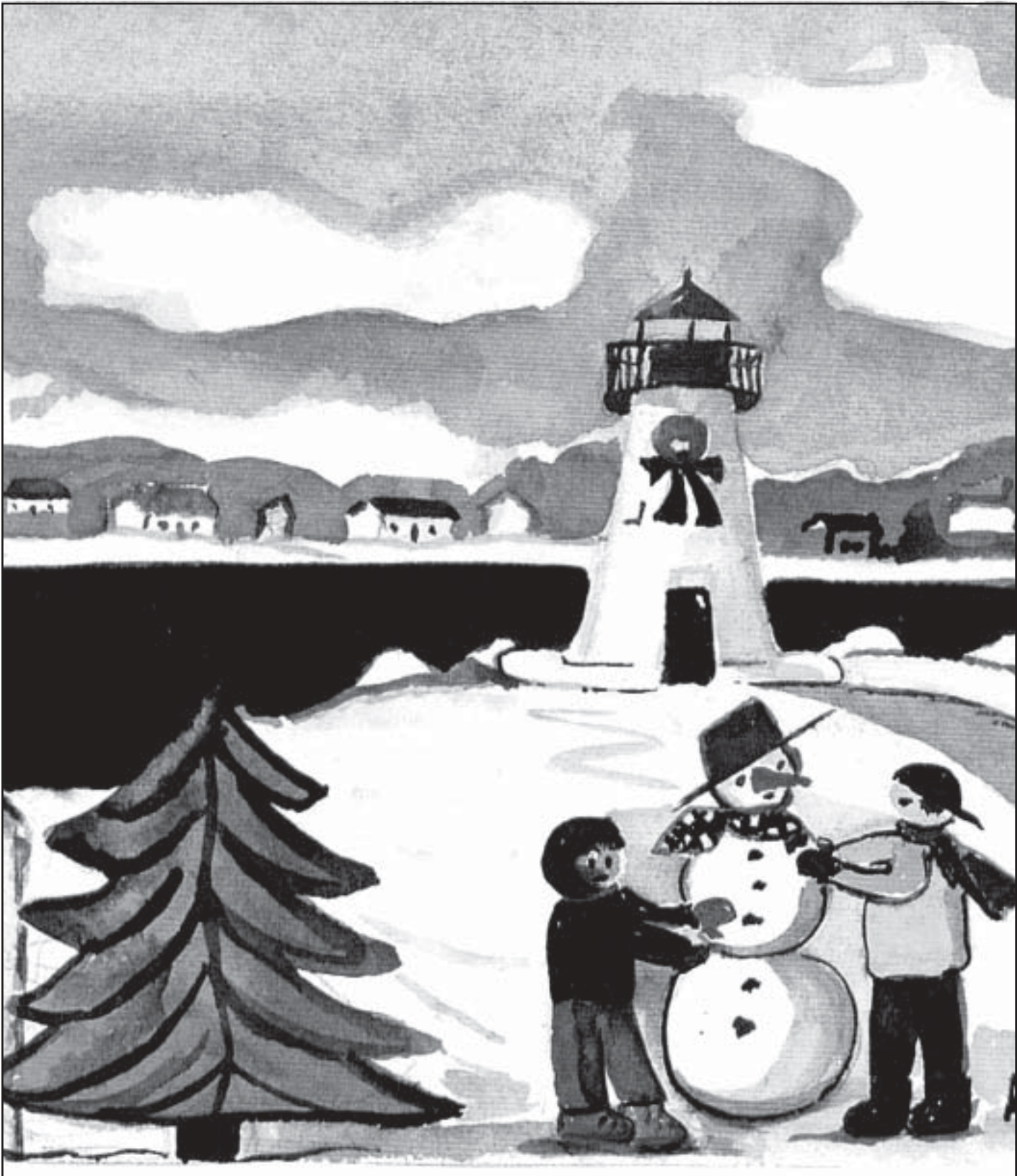
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At this annual time of renewal and rebirth, it is wonderful to celebrate our similarities and our diversity. The children will tell this story, which combines both humor and warmth, with original songs. The Intergenerational Chorus, which includes several grandparents and parents of students, will join in the endeavor.

Due to ongoing construction in Mattapoisett and at ORR High School, Center School is grateful to **Tabor Academy in Marion** for letting them use the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall for this year's program. Please join them for the entertaining performance of "Once On A Housetop" on **Friday, December 20 at 9:30 am.**



Above: Students and staff at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett viewed an AIDS Memorial Quilt which was at the school on December 5 and 6 in commemoration of "World AIDS Day." Dr. Francis Fayne Jr., a local high school teacher, also talked about the personal tragedy that led to his fifteen-year-old son being one of the thousands immortalized on the quilt. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx).

On the cover: Mattapoisett artist Ann Mello painted this seasonal watercolor of Ned's Point Lighthouse which is called "Winter in Mattapoisett." Ms. Mello currently has a collection of artwork on display at the Centre Street Gallery in New Bedford, located behind the Whaling Museum. (Photo/painting courtesy of Ann Mello).

Project Bread ORR Students Help the Hungry

Eighth grade students at **Old Rochester Regional Junior High School** began their holiday efforts early this year. As a part of the health curriculum for eighth graders, the unit on nutrition is focusing on hunger in Massachusetts. Teacher Nancy Juvinall asked students to decorate wooden spoons to raise money for **Project Bread**, the largest anti-hunger organization in Massachusetts. The objective is to develop awareness about the issue of hunger within our own state, including causes and prevalence.

Students are asking for a \$5 donation for Project



Above: ORR Junior High School student Kayla Krause (center) shows the spoon she recently decorated for Project Bread with Allison White (left) and Aaron Mattos (right). The ORR students are decorating wooden spoons to raise money for Project Bread, the largest anti-hunger organization in Massachusetts. Also pictured in the rear is Joel Lombard. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx).

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Bread and offer a spoon as a "Thank You." The goal of the project is to donate \$1,000 to Project Bread to help alleviate hunger. Ms. Juvinall hopes the project will serve to foster community values and empathy among the students.

The project will be ongoing through December 20. Anyone who is interested in contributing to this project should contact Nancy Juvinall at ORR Junior High School at 508-758-4928.

"World AIDS Day"

Memorial Quilt Comes to ORR

World AIDS Day took on new meaning this year for students at Old Rochester Regional High School with a presentation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt on December 5 and 6. Despite the inclement weather that cancelled Thursday's community night, juniors and seniors had the opportunity on Friday to hear Dr. Francis Fayne, Jr., a local high school teacher, talk about the personal tragedy that led to his fifteen-year-old son being one of the thousands immortalized on the Quilt. Dr. Fayne addressed the stigma associated with the disease as well as the pain and loneliness that often results. His message was simple: avoid the risky behaviors that could result in AIDS.

The ORRHS student council hosted this special presentation with the support of the Health Education and Community Service Learning Departments, but credit

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for the success of the presentation was widespread. Special thanks go to Kimi Racine of the Cape and Island Chapter of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt. Kimi encouraged student involvement, traveled over an hour in a snowstorm to deliver the panels, and worked with the student council volunteers and advanced placement biology students to develop a presentation what would reach all upperclassmen.

AP Biology students put in countless hours making posters giving facts and statistics on AIDS/HIV that were used to form the backdrop for the three Quilt panels on display. Following Dr. Fayne's presentation, students were free to view the Quilt at leisure. A video on HIV/AIDS made by the students was run continuously, giving all the students viewing the Quilt the opportunity to learn more about the misconceptions surrounding this pandemic.

The presentation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt supports the health curriculum in multiple areas, and addresses a range of topics including disease prevention and trans-

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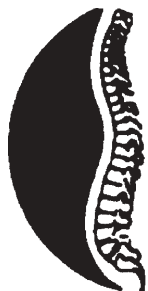
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The program was supported in part by the ORRHS Student Council, through grants from the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and a community service learning grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Brotherhood Beef

Rochester Police Cry Foul Over Contract

By Kenneth J. Souza

Claiming the Board of Selectmen hasn't been playing fair in the latest round of contract negotiations, the Rochester Police Brotherhood sent a bulk mailing out to residents last week as a way of informing "people in town who don't pay attention to small-town politics," according to Brotherhood Representative Officer Robert Small. But the mailing raised the ire of Selectmen, who felt such a move while in the midst of collective bargaining was "very inappropriate," according to Selectmen Chairman Patricia Ryan at Monday night's meeting.

The mailing boasts the headline: "The Rochester Police have been working without a contract since June!"

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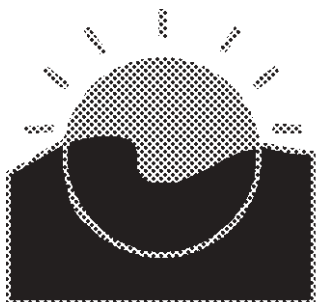
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and proceeds to list six bulleted points of interest. To wit:

- Rochester Selectmen have only offered a 1.5 percent raise which is far below the "rate of inflation" and would translate to \$10 a week before taxes. Meanwhile, some town employees have received close to five-figure raises.

- The Selectmen have been "openly hostile" and have intimidated the Brotherhood by "repealing vacation time owed to police officers."

- The Selectmen are spending "tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars" on legal fees in order to "resist giving police officers a fair and equitable contract."

- The Police Brotherhood has offered compromises while the Selectmen "offer none."

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"We just wanted to get that information out there," Officer Small said. "We don't feel we've been negotiated with fairly. We just want (residents) to realize (this is) costing the taxpayers money."

Selectmen Chairman Ryan refuted the claims made in the flyer noting, for the record, that the Police Department has been offered a non-retroactive 3 percent increase effective January 1, 2003 and that they've made "no compromises" as asserted in the mailing. She also said they have only spent some \$2,245 on legal fees relative to the police contract to date, and she has yet to find the town employees who received "five-figure raises" in the current fiscal budget.

Officer Small declined to comment on offers which have been made in negotiations, only saying: "We're not necessarily in agreement that their (latest) proposal was fair."

He also noted the Police Brotherhood didn't want to get into specifics in the mailing they sent out. "We tried to keep (the flyer) pretty much generalized," he said. "We just wanted to let people know what some of the issues are. Our last contract was settled in 2001 and expired June

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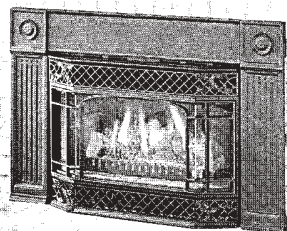


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30, 2002. We had a meeting (and) discussed different ways to let the public know what was going on. We thought a good way was to send out some flyers."

Yet, some would argue that a bulk mailing addressed to town residents is a means of spurring discussion of negotiations which are generally kept behind closed doors until resolved.

"If we are going to be bargaining in good faith, we shouldn't be doing it in the court of public opinion," said Selectman Naida Parker. "If everything else fails, then you can certainly try to get (public) support for your position."

But Officer Small said the latest round of negotiations is simply par for the course, and the Rochester officials' treatment of the Police Brotherhood has been "consistent" over the years.

"At this point we're just waiting to find out how we'll go forward," Officer Small said. "It looks like this will drag on a lot longer."

But Selectman Parker views this tactic as detrimental to negotiations and an impediment to the ongoing collective bargaining process.

"Since we're going into arbitration, I was disappointed that the Brotherhood chose to take it to this level," Selectman Parker said. "I think the process has now taken a nasty turn and it's very unfortunate."

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 16, 2002

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Raymond Andrews, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.



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Next, the board approved the Conservation Commission (ConCom) acceptance of a gift of land from Heather R. Orosco and Douglas S. Robertson. The two parcels of land are located on Point Connett and will be controlled by the ConCom.

Outgoing correspondence included a memo sent to all department heads in regards to the usage of town gasoline. Town-owned vehicles are the only vehicles that may utilize the gasoline. In addition, the board sent correspondence to Roland Hebert, SRPEDD Transporta-



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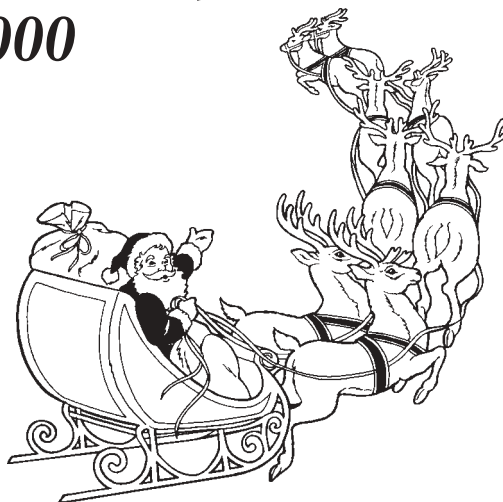
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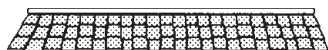
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tion Manager, informing him that Selectman Denham will remain as the board's Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) representative.

Under meetings scheduled throughout the week, the board noted:

- Wednesday, December 18 – River Valley Committee meeting. Selectman Denham will be in attendance. The meeting will be held in Fairhaven.

- Thursday, December 19 at 1:00 pm – Meeting with Town Accountant and Superintendent of Schools William Cooper to discuss the Special Town Meeting Article.

- Thursday, December 19 at 1:00 pm – General Bid Openings for Center School, held in the Conference Room of Town Hall.

- Friday, December 20 at 1:00 pm – Town employees Christmas Party.

The first appointment of the evening was with Glenna Sanford, member of the School Council for Center School. Ms. Sanford requested the board approve an idea for a Silent Auction in an effort to not only preserve some of the pieces of the school which have sentimental value to many people, but also to avoid bringing the debris to a landfill, and generate money for the school.

The Selectmen had no objections to the idea, and requested that Ms. Sanford compile a list of surplus items appropriate for auction along with Center School Principal Jack Murphy. The School Committee would then have to be in agreement with the list, which in turn would need to be approved by the Selectmen. Demolition of a portion of the school begins after February 1, so therefore there is a great deal of work that needs to be completed to allow for the auction to take place.

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The board approved the license, noting that the license specifically bars signage or the storage or repair of vehicles on his property.

Lastly, the board met with three members of the Computer Advisory Board. Members Joseph Slattery, Judy Mooney, and Chairman Paul Milott came before the board to discuss their activity since their last meeting with the board.

The Financial Hardware and Software Packages for the town will integrate all of the billings and collections for the town, including real estate taxes, personal property taxes, water and sewer, and treasurer's receipts. All of the systems are running well, and the members of the board are satisfied thus far with the results.

The board also centralized the servers, which are now located in the Assessors Office, which is a more secure and efficient location than the previous placement. Other hardware upgrades include the installation of a Firewall PC, the installation of a Direct Data Link (Water / Sewer to Town Hall), and an upgrade to three Town Hall

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Website enhancements are also beginning to take place, including an updated homepage and bulletin boards. A new weather page has been added which is linked to the National Weather Service, therefore avoiding many of the pop-up ads that were associated with the commercial weather site that once occupied the space. A faster search engine will be added, along with additional and updated Town Hall contact information, including current by-laws and town regulations. Town history and town tour buttons have been added as well. The new and improved site is expected to be unveiled in early 2003.

The board will also receive weekly reports that summarize usage and precisely which features people are accessing. Once trends are recognized, additional features may be added according to interests.

The board also recommended two or three Town Hall employees be formally trained in the field so that they may be able to add or modify pages on the website as needed.

The board then discussed incoming correspon-



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dence for the week:

- A letter was received from David Ferreira, Superintendent-Director of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, informing the board that the District is beginning the process of conducting its feasibility study. They are seeking a member from each Board of Selectmen to sit on a Designer Selection Committee. The board is considering who will serve on the committee.

- Letters from residents Lionel Brown and Cynthia Branham were received in regards to their displeasure over any changes to Tinkham Forest.

- Notification was received that the Bureau of Accounts has approved Mattapoisett's FY03 tax rate as \$12.10.

- Curator of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, Bette Roberts, submitted a letter acknowledging receipt of ship building tools that were once on display at the Town Hall — they are now on display at the museum.

Executive Secretary Carol Adams reminded residents that the next regular Selectmen's meeting will take place on Monday, January 6, 2003. Selectman Andrews also reminded residents that an AT&T/ComCast representative will be present for that meeting to discuss several items in regards to the town's service. In addition, Selectmen reminded residents that a Special Town Meeting is being held on January 21, 2003.

The board thanked all who participated in the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 14. The board would appreciate to hear any feedback from those

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who attended.

With no further matters to come before the board,
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pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 17, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Benjamin Bryant. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first signed various treasury and payroll warrants for the week and then approved the minutes of the December 3 meeting and the Water/Sewer Commission meeting minutes from December 9. The board also approved an amendment to the Liquor License for Two Brothers Corporation, d/b/a The Caz, thereby transferring it to the Rockland Trust Company.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a copy of a letter from the Marion Garden Discussion Group to Harbormaster Charles Bradley, thanking him for getting scallop shells for them to use to decorate the many wreaths throughout town. "Through your help we feel that we have had a hand in making Marion more complete for the holidays," wrote Secretary Lee Johns.

Tess Cederholm next submitted a letter of resignation from the Marion Historic District Study Committee due to her other pressing commitments. The board accepted her resignation with regret and agreed to send her a letter of thanks for her past efforts.

Likewise, Cliff Sollows submitted a letter of resignation from the town's Elderly Housing Committee and Cornelia Burr-Tarrant sent a letter of resignation from the Circulation Committee. The board noted the three vacancies will need to be filled and they will solicit nominations from the respective boards for consideration.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Safety sent a memo regarding Sunday entertainment license fees. According to Director of Regulated Activities Guy

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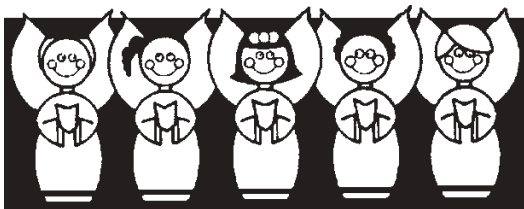


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Licciardi, cities and towns should forward these licenses to the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety for processing. The board had some questions and concerns about this procedure and the fee structure outlined in the memo which charges a separate \$20 fee for "Sunday entertainment permits."

"We'll have to look into this a little more," Chairman Bryant said.

R.A. Lawrence of the Old Landing Condo Association sent a letter to the board in their capacity as Water/Sewer Commissioners regarding a water bill for their complex (238-240 Wareham Street and 15 Creek Road). According to Mr. Lawrence, said water service is used solely for irrigation and does not flow through the sewer system. As such, they are contesting the "sewer" portion of the bill which is larger than the "water" portion.

In a response memo from Department of Public Works (DPW) Secretary Rebecca Carvalho, she noted: "Our current policy does not allow teeing off of the existing meter and the only way around the sewer charges would be to install a well or to apply for a totally separate water service from the street."

Ms. Carvalho said they are contacting area towns to see if they allow irrigation systems to be billed separately.

"Our response to this needs to be the Water/Sewer Department rates are rather neutral — it's not a profit-making scheme by any means," Chairman Bryant said. "While irrigation systems do not go through the sewer system, it is a means of promoting conservation."

Salvatore F. Battinelli, Trustee of the Allen Street Nominee Trust, sent a request for an abatement on a water bill recently sent for property located at 36 Allen Street. Since this is a vacant lot and the house previously located there was moved in 1998, Mr. Battinelli said they haven't used the water service since that time.

But the DPW recommended denying the abatement request, since the services at that address were never properly discontinued. With that, the board unanimously voted to deny the abatement request.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted receipt of a calendar with town

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Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted they had also settled the police contract and budget adjustments now need to be made for select wage changes.

"Julia did a great job working with the police on this contract," Chairman Bryant said. "Everyone is pleased the contract was settled amicably. We appreciate their support and look forward to a three-year term."

With that, the board unanimously voted to accept the new contractual budget adjustments for the Police Department as recommended.

The board next approved the Executive Session meeting minutes of October 15 and October 29, 2002.

Lastly, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock gave the board a copy of the Self-Help Program Grant Agreement for the Washburn Park Project, which requires their signatures and approval.

Due to the upcoming holidays, the board will *not* meet on Tuesday, December 24 or Tuesday, December 31. Their next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:47 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 16, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 16 at 6:45 pm by Chairman Patricia Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Nunes, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Town Administrator James Huntoon was not present for the

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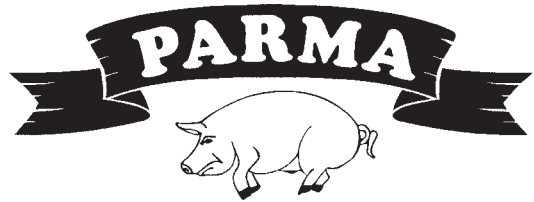
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After approving the minutes of the December 9 meeting, with Selectman Parker abstaining, the board unanimously voted to sign a Personnel Action Form (PAF) hiring Allan Offringa as the town's interim Police Department Administrator at a rate of \$37.50 per hour and also appointing him as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Rochester. Mr. Offringa is also assisting the board with the process of selecting a new Police Chief to replace the retiring Chief William Przybylek. The board planned to interview the top ten finalists later in the week.

The board next received an invoice from Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies, LLP, in the amount of \$6,611.13 for legal services rendered. Selectman



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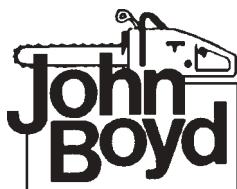
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Nunes wanted to make sure that individual departments had signed off and approved their respective charges.

"I guess we can sign off on it, but again I think we need to make it clear that individual boards are responsible for approving (their charges)," Selectman Nunes said. "In the future, I don't think I'm going to sign off on (legal invoices) unless the departments sign off on them. If the boards cannot review their invoices, we may consider restricting (use of) Town Counsel. We're not going to sign off on their bills unless we know what they are."

"I have a better idea," Chairman Ryan said.

"Everytime they need to use Town Counsel, they'll have to go through (the Board of Selectmen's) office. They've got to take some responsibility for what they're doing."

The board next agreed to hold renewal of Automatic Amusement Device Licenses pending updated information from the state which Ms. Lafreniere received earlier in the day and then unanimously voted to sign and approve Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2003 for Lloyd's Market, Towne Pizza, Plumb Corner Market, and Adrian's Package Store.

The board also signed and approved the Class II Used Car Dealer's Licenses for E.B. Auto Sales, Vaughan Hill Motors, The Custom Shop, Steve's Collision and Paint Center, Charles Nunes Used Cars, and C&C Auto Brokers, and Class III Motor Vehicle Junk Licenses for Murphy's Auto Salvage and High Street Auto and Truck Salvage.

Chairman Ryan noted receipt of a letter from the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) noting that the Town of Rochester would be assessed \$633.36 to support their efforts. This assessment is based on 2000 census figures at a rate of 16.136 cents per capita.

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SEMASS submitted payment in lieu of taxes for the month of November 2002 in the amount of \$215,938 for 85,889 tons of trash collected during that period.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the proposed naming of "Bindas Way" which, according to the recorded deed, was not previously named. With that, the board unanimously voted to name it "Bindas Way" as requested.

Under New Business, Selectman Parker said she'd like to set up a meeting with the Personnel Board and Finance Committee (FinCom) to "identify the role of the Personnel Board in making recommendations for any salary (hikes) over the one-step increases," she said. "We need to discuss this before we get too far into the budget process. I think it should be done on a Monday night."

Selectman Parker said she had concerns over giving all non-union town employees a 1.5 percent increase for the current fiscal year. In some cases, town personnel didn't receive any actual cost-of-living increases given the hike in insurance rates. "We actually had

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town employees who made less real money this year because of insurance costs," Chairman Ryan said.

In a related matter, Chairman Ryan noted that the Rochester Police Brotherhood mailed out a flyer to residents last week taking issue with the ongoing contract negotiations between the town and Police Department. The one-page flyer announced that the Rochester Police have been working without a contract since June and claimed the "Rochester Board of Selectmen are not bargaining fairly, offering a 1.5 percent raise."

Among the other claims made in the flyer: that the Selectmen have been "openly hostile" through the negotiation process and have used "intimidation during contract negotiations" resulting in a "great legal expense to the taxpayers"; that they've paid "tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars to attorneys to resist giving police officers a fair and equitable contract" when it would cost less to agree with the proposed Police Brotherhood's proposed salary increase; and that they have "offered compromises and the Selectmen offer none."

Chairman Ryan refuted the claims made in the flyer and felt the mailing was "inappropriate" given the ongoing contract negotiations. She also noted, for the record, that the Police Department has been offered a non-retroactive 3 percent increase effective January 1 and that they've made "no compromises" as asserted in the flyer. Lastly, she said they have only spent an estimated \$2,245 on legal fees relative to the police contract.

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In other matters, Chairman Ryan said she met with outgoing Police Chief William Przybylek last week and they are still having problems with the heating system in the Police Station, which they hope will be rectified. In addition, they are hoping to get final approval on the holding cells shortly.

"Apparently there was somewhat of a delay in getting the cells themselves approved," Chairman Ryan said. "Pre-approval is supposed to be obtained before they start building them ... (but) there was some concern over whether Dyer-Brown had gotten the necessary pre-approval for the cells."

Unless pressing matters warrant otherwise, the board will not be meeting on Monday, December 23 or Monday, December 30. Their next regular meeting is slated for Monday, January 6 at 7:00 pm. The Rochester Board of Selectmen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and then unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:50 pm.

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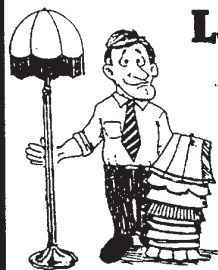
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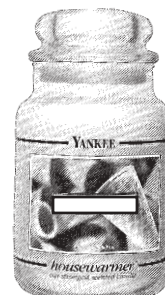
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To the Editor:

The Old Rochester Track and Cross Country teams would like to thank both the Mattapoisett Track Club and ORR Track Boosters Club for their generosity. Large donations by both have made it possible to purchase 125 warm-up suits for the teams. While the other schools in the SouthCoast Conference have had warm-ups for their athletes, budget constraints have not made that possible at ORR.

Due to the hard work of Geoff Smith, Debbie Freidman, Mary Ann and Paul Amoroso, Mudgie Tavares, and others of the Mattapoisett Track Club, and Barbara Tonelli and many others of the ORR Track Boosters Club, our athletes will be able to represent our school with pride not only by our athletic feats but also by our distinguishable red and white warm-ups. We will be able to use the warm-ups for many years to come and will not forget those who gave so generously. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Bill Tilden, Head Coach

ORR Cross Country and Girls Track

Myles Eldridge, Head Coach

ORR Boys Track

To the Editor:

I am a fifth grade student and my class is studying America and American history. We have been asked to write research reports on one of our favorite states in America. I have chosen to report on Massachusetts. The reports will cover topics

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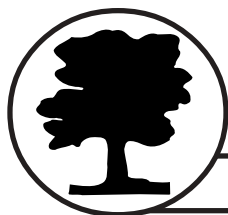
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such as history, culture, geography, jobs, and places of interest. The reason I am writing is to ask if you would publish my letter in your paper.

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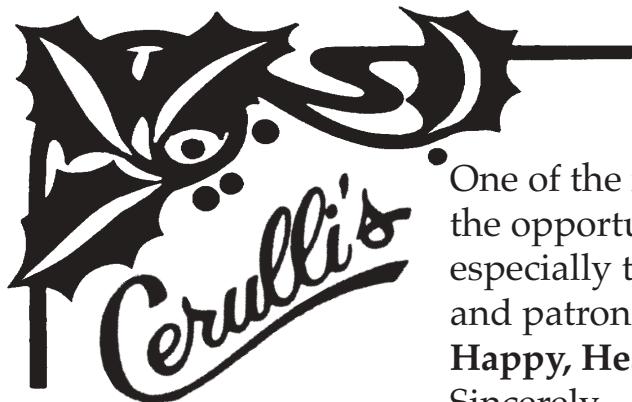
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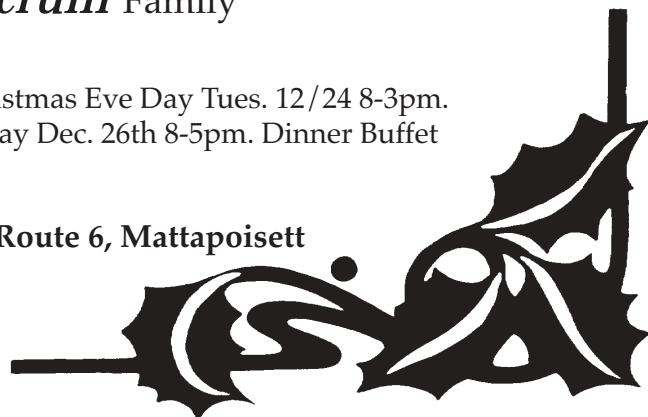
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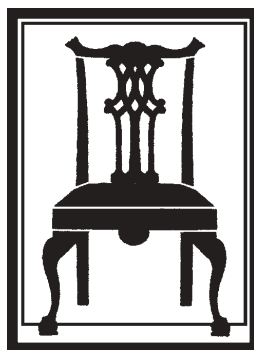
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the First Congregational Church of Rochester as they celebrate the fourth Sunday in Advent on December 22. This Sunday's 9:15 am Sunday School will hold a "Birthday Party for Jesus" — a real birthday party to celebrate Jesus' Birth. The 10:30 am worship will include advent candle lighting, Christmas music, and hymns followed by coffee and fellowship.

The First Congregational Church of Rochester is a Christ-centered, Bible-believing fellowship located on the Town Green in the center of Rochester where all will feel welcomed by a friendly, caring congregation. The Sunday programs include Church School for all ages at 9:15 am, followed by Sunday worship service at 10:30 led by Pastor Leo Christian. Nursery is provided and a time of fellowship follows the Sunday service. Bible studies, open to all, are held during the week. The church is wheelchair-accessible. For more information about the church and its activities, please call the church office at 508-763-4314.

"Reindeer Food" Sale

Don't forget to stop by and pick up your "Reindeer Food" packets which are now on sale through December 24 at The Barefoot Contessa, Panache, Sail Away Studio, and No Kidding — all located in Mattapoisett. The selling of individual packets of "reindeer food" was started and spearheaded by the Lawrence family of Mattapoisett and is now in its third year. Each bag sells for only \$1 and 100 percent of all proceeds will go to the Center School Needy Children's Fund.

Each packet is festively decorated and bears the following instructions: "On Christmas Eve, sprinkle this Magic Reindeer Food on your lawn. The magic glitter sparkles in the moonlight and the smell of the oats will guide Rudolph to your home!"

Lions Club Speech Contest

The Regional Level, the third of five competitions in the Lions Club Speech Competition, was held on Thursday, December 12 at the Old Town Hall in Somerset and **Garrett Curran** of Tabor Academy, the Mattapoisett Lions Club representative, won for the third consecutive time.

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St. Anthony's Christmas Masses

On Tuesday, December 24 there St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett will have Christmas Eve Vigil Masses at 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm. On Wednesday, December 25, there will be a Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am. The Children's Choir will sing at the 4:30 pm Tuesday Vigil Mass and the Adult Choir will sing at the 10:00 pm Tuesday Vigil Mass.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, December 19 at 12:00 noon in the Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Tickets for the catered Holiday Luncheon are \$13.95 per person. Also, there will be a Food Sale to raise money for "Hearts and Hands," so please bring a cake, bread, pie or whatever you'd like for the sale. The program will be a seasonal one.

Congregational Church Services

There will be two services on Christmas Eve at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The 5:30 pm program is a family service and an opportunity to greet friends returning for the holidays. *(Please note correct time for this service is 5:30 pm, not 5:00 pm as previously announced.)* At 10:00 pm there will be the traditional candle-light service. Both programs will feature readings, carol singing, and special Christmas music. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend and casual attire is recommended.

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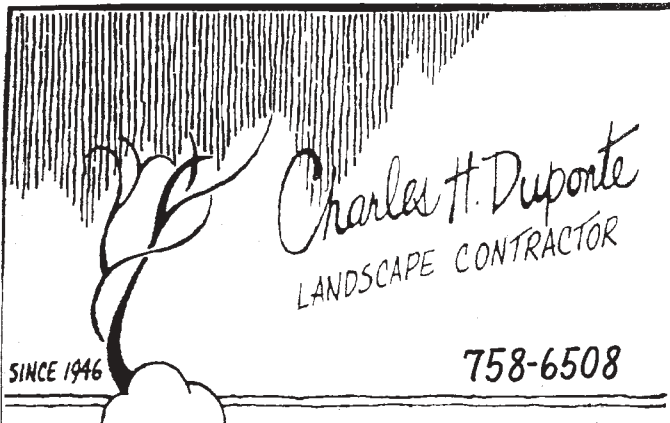
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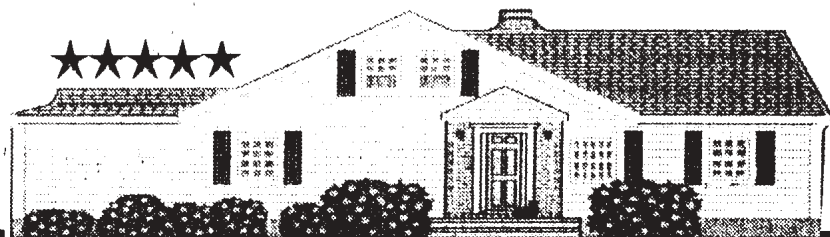
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ORR Logo Contest Winner

The ORR Parent Association is pleased to announce the winner of their Design-A-Logo Contest, which was held during the month of November, 2002. Entrants were asked to create a design that incorporates the ORRPA Mission Statement. Miss Kacie Hastings, a senior at ORR High School, was the winner of a \$100 cash prize for her entry. Miss Hastings' design is a pair of hands supporting the letters "ORRPA," which in turn are holding a graduation cap. Ropes encircle the design with the words "Home, School and Community" intertwined. Kacie hopes to attend Syracuse University upon graduation this June. Look for her winning design on the high school and junior high school websites at hs.orr.mec.edu and www.mec.edu/orr/jhs soon! Congratulations to

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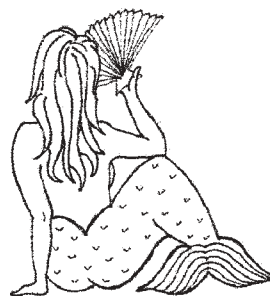
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Rochester Woman Plans Walk

This January, in an effort to raise funds and awareness for stroke and stroke prevention, Rochester resident Judy (Belrose) Shepley will walk a 26.2-mile marathon for the American Stroke Association (ASA). Through the ASA's "Train to End Stroke" fundraising program, Ms. Shepley is asking for tax-deductible donations to help put an end to strokes.

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Over the next two months, Judy will be walking hundreds of miles to prepare for the January 12 Walt Disney World Marathon. "Going for a walk has taken on a whole new meaning," Ms. Shepley said. "And the distance of 26.2 miles is my physical challenge. My fundraising goal is \$4,000 but my personal goal is to raise \$6,000 by December 20. This is an opportunity to invite all those who know someone who has suffered a stroke or their survivors to be part of the effort through a generous contribution to the American Stroke Association."

Ms. Shepley said she is looking forward to walking on behalf of her father, Norman Belrose Sr. "I'll be honored to complete this event in the name of a friend or loved one you know who has suffered a stroke," Ms. Shepley added. "I invite you to include the name of that person on the bottom of your check."

To donate, please send a check payable to "American Stroke Association" to Judy Shepley, P.O. Box 3, Rochester, MA 02770. For more information, please call Ms. Shepley at 508-728-5056.

Midd-Town Twirlers

Members of the Midd-Town Twirlers Square Dance Club will hold a Jolly Holly Christmas Dance on December 21 at 7:30 pm at the Centre Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Center and Walnut Streets in Fairhaven. Dennis Marsh will call, Jennie Frisella will cue, and the dancing level is mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 508-992-2555 or 508-998-1860.

Nutcracker at the Z

The Nutcracker, boasting updated scenery and costumes, arrives on Saturday, December 21 for two performances (2:00 and 7:00 pm) at the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford. It is sponsored by TO-FIAS. The Off-Broadway School of Dance from Acushnet is providing some of its dancers for the production, presented by the International Ballet Theatre. Tickets are \$13, \$21 and \$26.

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings from the Mattapoisett Town Clerk and office staff.

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Hunting/Fishing Licenses

2003 Hunting and Fishing Licenses are in and available for purchase. Please remember that a previous year's hunting license is required before a new one can be issued. If you have any questions, please call the office and they will be happy to assist you.

Rochester Christmas Concert

The community is cordially invited to join with the First Congregational Church of Rochester as they welcome the birth of the Savior with a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 pm. This family-friendly candlelight service features choir, instrumental music, and Christmas hymns.

The 10:30 am Sunday morning service on December 29 will feature a mini-concert blending contemporary and traditional Christian music by Justin Thomas Christian.

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For more information about the church and its activities, please call the church office at 508-763-4314.

Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club's Annual Christmas Party will once again be an evening of punch and hors d'oeuvres followed by a delicious catered dinner by Riccardi's in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The menu will be fried chicken and roast beef, oven potatoes, garden vegetables, rolls and butter, assorted pastries, coffee and punch. They will end the evening with a musical program. Everyone is invited to attend so please save Saturday, December 21. The evening starts at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:45 pm.

Lions Club Tree Sale

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

LaSalette Trip

A trip to LaSalette Shrine is being planned for December. If you are interested in going, please call 508-758-4110.

Christmas Party

Tickets are available for the Friends of the Elderly's Christmas Party at the Knights of Columbus. You need to have a ticket for this event and they can be picked up at the Senior Center.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing has changed to Wednesday at 10:00 am. Please call the COA (508-758-4110) for further information.

Rochester Council on Aging

- Thursday, December 19 – Lunch at 11:45 am; Cards at 1:00 pm;
- Saturday, December 21 – SERVE, 10:00 to 11:00 am;
- Monday, December 23 – No Trip; Shopping at 8:30 am;
- Tuesday, December 24 – Center Closed at 1:00 pm; Lunch at 11:45 am;
- Wednesday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS (Center Closed);
- Thursday, December 26 – Lunch at 11:45 am; Cards at 1:00 pm;
- Friday, December 27 – Movie: *A Beautiful Mind* at 1:30 pm;
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Tabor in Music Festival

On Saturday, November 23, 2002, the Tabor Academy Music Department took twenty student musicians to the Massachusetts Music Educators Southeast District Senior Festival Auditions at King Philip High School in Wrentham, MA. The students were asked to play or sing a required piece of music, play some major scales and read a short musical piece at first sight. This was done individually before a Music Educators National Conference approved judge. Over 60 high schools are in the Southeast District; that makes for an extremely competitive audition.

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Just in time for Christmas

When the results were tallied, seven students from Tabor were accepted and selected to perform in the Southeast District Senior Music Festival. This festival will be held January 10 and 11, 2003 at Bridgewater State College. The festival is comprised of four ensembles (band, chorus, jazz band and orchestra) that rehearse an advanced repertoire with college level conductors. The concert featuring all of the groups will be the highlight of the festival on Saturday afternoon.

The students from Tabor who were accepted are:

Paul Hansen, Chorus, Wareham, MA; **Min-Ji Kang**, Orchestra, Seoul, South Korea (All-State recommendation); **Sarah Manion**, Band, Brewster, MA; **Allen Piekara**, Band, Belchertown, MA (All-State recommendation); **Matt Rancourt**, Chorus, Brewster, MA (All-State recommendation); **Anne Richmond**, Chorus, Chicago, IL (All-State recommendation); **Jon Stoltenberg**, Orchestra, Rochester, MA.

Tabor Musician in Ensemble

Kristian Baarsvik, a senior from Marion, MA, was recently notified that he was accepted into the All-Eastern Honors Jazz Ensemble. Kristian will playing first-chair, lead alto saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble. This group is comprised of outstanding high school students from thirteen eastern states. Kristian was recommended for the group based on his excellent Massachusetts All-State audition (first chair, jazz band) from last year.

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She is also an accomplished athlete, winning four national championships in soccer while at the University of North Carolina, and going on to compete for the US National Team in the sport of team handball. She continues to be involved with several sports and chiropractic organizations, and will now contribute her experience to the tri-town area, serving the health of our community.



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Fairhaven Christmas Service

On Sunday, December 22, the Unitarian Memorial Church will hold an intergenerational service that will look at the ancient roots of Christmas traditions.

"Long before the Christmas story, ancient peoples found ways to honor the earth's great sleep and find meaning in the dark season of winter," said Reverend Ann Fox, minister. "Our Sunday School children and youth will join us to hear how those ancient practices have been incorporated into our modern Christmas celebrations."

At 7:00 pm on Saturday evening, December 21, all are welcome to gather at the church to take candles and walk the "Winter Solstice Spiral" together. The Winter Solstice Spiral will be available following the next day's Sunday service as well. Sunday Service at the Unitarian Memorial Church, which is located on the corner of Green and Center Streets in Fairhaven, begins at 10:30 am. Religious education classes are held concurrently in the next-door Harrop Center. Childcare is available for babies and toddlers.

Unitarian Universalism is non-creedal and theologically diverse — all are welcome. For more information, please call Reverend Ann Fox at 508992-7081.

Acushnet Town Clerk

2003 Dog Licenses

Town Clerk Richard Threlfall announced the 2003 Dog Licenses are available now in his office during regular working hours (8:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday). In accordance with the Town of Acushnet By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137, all dogs over the age of three months must be licensed by the Town Clerk.

The license fee structure will remain the same as last year: Spayed Female Dogs and Neutered Male Dogs (\$6 per year) and Unaltered Female and Male Dogs (\$9 per year). Dog owners who fail to license any dog by February 15 will be subject to a fine of \$25.

Remember, State Law requires that you present a valid rabies vaccination certificate for dogs three months and older to the Town Clerk prior to licensing. To license your dog by mail, send the certificate showing the rabies expiration date from your Veterinarian, a check payable to the "Town of Acushnet," and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and they will return your rabies certificate along with your 2003 Dog License and tag.

Town Election

Town Clerk Richard Threlfall announced the

following elected positions will be included at the Annual Town Election to be held on Monday, April 7, 2003: Board of Selectmen, 1 seat, 3 years (Robert J. St. Jean, incumbent); Board of Assessors, 1 seat, 3 years (George H. Perry Jr., incumbent); Board of Health, 1 seat, 3 years (Gerald Toussaint, incumbent); School Committee, 1 seat, 3 years (Gary L. Rousseau, incumbent); Commissioner of Trust Funds, 1 seat, 3 years (Nancy Medeiros-Pereira, incumbent); Commissioner of Trust Funds, 1 seat, 2 years (vacant); Trustee of Free Public Library, 1 seat, 3 years (Alfred Robichaud, incumbent); Trustee of Free Public Library, 1 seat, 3 years (James Knox, incumbent); Cemetery Board, 1 seat, 3 years (Paul H. Fortin, incumbent); Park Commissioner, 1 seat, 3 years (Patricia Swift, incumbent); Planning Commission, 1 seat, 5 years (Richard P. Forand, incumbent); Board of Public Works, 1 seat, 3 years (Matthew Goulet, incumbent); Board of Public Works, 1 seat, 3 years (Michael J. Kennefick, incumbent); Board of Public Works, 1 seat, 1 year (Charles Vieira, incumbent).

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Clerk's office on Thursday, January 2, 2003. The last day to take out nomination papers is February 4, 2003. Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Thursday, February 6, 2003 at 4:00 pm. Each candidate must obtain the signatures of forty (40) registered voters. Residents who are not registered voters and wish to vote in April must register by March 13 at the Town Clerk's office.

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Unitarian Universalism is non-creedal and theologically diverse — all are welcome. The U.U. religion encourages spiritual growth through the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. For more information, please call Reverend Ann Fox at 508-992-7081.

Upper Cape Nursing Program

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nursing Program has announced the dates of the entrance exam for the 2003-2004 school year. The required entrance exam will be administered at the school on the following dates: Saturday, January 25, 2003; Saturday, March 1, 2003; and Saturday, March 29, 2003 from 7:45 am to approximately 12:00 noon. Pre-registration is required and no walk-ins will be admitted. Seating is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. The exam fee is \$75 and payable only by cash or money order. To register, please contact the school at 508-758-7711,



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Is it better to get one bird or to get a pair?

Birds that live with other birds tend to remain "bird oriented" and are much more difficult to tame than birds that spend lots of time out of their cage with people.

*Dr. Gould can be reached at the
Mattapoisett Animal Hospital (508) 758-6400*

extension 207 for additional exam information and a registration form.

Wrap It Right for Holidays

Each year, more packages are sent through the mail during the holiday season than any other period. Careless packaging can cause some to arrive in poor condition. The U.S. Postal Service offers the following packaging tips to help holiday parcels arrive on time and in one piece:

- *Choose a container with care.* Whether it's a box, tube or padded envelope, make sure the container is sturdy enough to handle its contents. If a container is reused, make sure it hasn't already made one too many trips to go the distance. If you don't have a container you can trust, check the local post office for packaging products designed for safe delivery.

- *Package parcels properly.* Make sure to cushion the contents well. Using polystyrene "peanuts" or bubble wrap will prevent damage to the package's contents. Shredded or rolled newspaper or unbuttered popcorn also can be used as cushioning material.

Once a parcel is packaged, seal it tightly with reinforced tape. Masking and transparent tapes are not sturdy enough to do the job. Check your Post Office, office supply or discount department store for tape that will do the trick. Do not use twine or cord to seal your package, and don't wrap your packages in brown paper.



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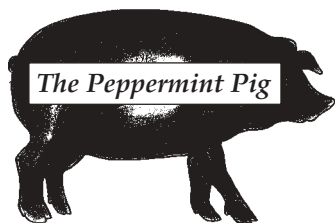
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- *Mail the package on time.* No matter how well it's wrapped, it's just not the same if a gift is late. Be sure to mail packages as early in the season as possible. When mailing, consider using Priority Mail, which provides 2-3 day service. And if time is really getting tight, consider using the Postal Service's fastest service, Express Mail, which offers next-day delivery by noon to many destinations, and is delivered 365 days a year with no extra charge for Saturday, Sunday or holiday delivery (in most areas).

Marconi Centennial Celebration

A cell phone call from a friend. A beeper message from the boss. Justin Timberlake on the radio. 24-7 news on CNN. Each is an everyday "wireless" event in our lives, usually unworthy of a second thought.

But what if the radio revolution had not occurred? What if Guglielmo Marconi had not lit the spark of global communication on the cold and windswept cliffs of Cape Cod a century ago? How would we communicate today? Would wires still tether us?

The National Park Service at the Cape Cod National Seashore will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Marconi's first transatlantic, wireless broadcast from the U.S. on January 18 with a daylong series of public events designed to showcase the historic and pioneering nature of the event.

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Working with local, regional and national celebration partners, the Seashore will host public events that are expected to attract visitors from all over. The events include a NASA-sponsored, family space education program; weeklong, worldwide radio communication sessions hosted by the Marconi Radio Club and other amateur radio enthusiasts; and special Marconi presentations at the Seashore's Salt Pond Visitor Center.

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Michael E. Whatley recounted the momentous night in his 1987 publication, *Marconi – Wireless on Cape Cod*: "The air was literally charged with high voltage. Finally, Marconi went over to the wireless telegraph key. Within four minutes it was done. The message had been tapped out, and transatlantic radio communication between the U.S. and Europe was no longer an experiment; it was a reality."

"To His Majesty, Edward VII, London, England," read the message signed by President Theodore Roosevelt. "In taking advantage of the wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity which has been achieved in perfecting a system of wireless telegraphy, I extend on behalf of the American people most cordial greetings and good wishes to you and all the people of the British Empire."

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Whatley wrote: "The triumph was Marconi's alone, and the publicity (was) astounding." The messages appeared on the front pages of *The New York Times* and *The Boston Globe*, and congratulatory telegrams "kept the Cape Cod (radio) operators in turmoil."

The Legacy

In the ensuing years, as radio, TV and space communication thrived, the old Marconi station was dismantled, and the site fell into disuse. The ocean ate away at the cliffs where the towers stood. In the 60s and 70s, the National Park Service restored the venue as the Seashore's Marconi Site, salvaging remnants of a tower's base and erecting an exhibit shelter and viewing plat-

forms.

Now, the Park Service and the Seashore are preparing to celebrate the achievement of the man who was honored in 1909 with the Nobel Prize and who, when he died in 1937, was honored the world over by two minutes of radio silence.

Mattapoisett Public Library

"Reaching Out" Grant

Mattapoisett residents are offered new ways to communicate, thanks to the library's federally-funded "Reaching Out" Grant, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Three new collabo-

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rative projects support this notion:

- Both the **Council on Aging** and the library now provide **Large Print Readers** for area residents. The *Aladdin Ultra* that occupies a space at the Senior Center (in the Knights of Columbus basement) can be used to enlarge documents (such as recipe cards, business checks and personal letters), while a smaller *Prisma* magnifier is set up on the library's mezzanine for patrons who can't handle the stairs (this loanable model can be attached to most television sets for homebound patrons, as well).

- A new **Superprint 4425 TTY** (text teletype-writer), also called a TDD (telephone device for the deaf) is now available at **Town Hall**, thanks to a team effort by the Mattapoissett Commission on Disability and the library. This device, along with the current answering machine, will allow deaf patrons to contact both the library and the commission in order to have questions answered. Both devices will be monitored daily so that information can be processed quickly. The phone numbers for these devices is – **Phone/Answering Machine: 508-758-4130; TTY/TDD: 508-758-4131.**

- The **Old Hammondtown and Center Schools** have joined the library to offer the latest *Eyewitness Children's Encyclopedia* on CD-ROM to Mattapoissett's elementary school students. While Macintosh versions will be available at Old Hammondtown School (where classes will be held during the school's renovation project), a PC version of the same encyclopedia will be available at the library. This should assist students needing homework help, allow parents to explore the same tools, and build better lines of communication regarding curriculum needs between the library, school and home.

For more information on these acquisitions, please contact the library staff at 508-758-4171 or visit the "Programs Page" of their website at www.sailsinc.org/mattapoissett.

Computer Courses

By popular demand, the Mattapoissett Free Public Library is again offering Drop-In Computer Classes over a four-month period. The following classes are now running through March 28, 2003:

- December – The Basics: Learn to use "the mouse" and basic keyboard commands. Find out what various acronyms mean. See how to search for items in SAILS network's iBistro Catalog and learn how to reserve items — from both the library and at home!

- January – Intermediate Skills: Learn basic word processing and how to make spreadsheets and charts. Learn to use templates to create resumes and newsletters.

- February – Advanced Skills: Learn to use search engines on the Internet and how to access different databases, including the Virtual Catalog. Learn how to scan and paste documents.

- March – Beyond Basics: Learn to use the Web and all about Remote Access to library resources. Learn about e-mail and how to attach documents.

Classes are held on a drop-in basis (first come,

first-served) with sign-ups scheduled for 30- and/or 60-minute periods during the following times: Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Thursday mornings, 10:30 to 11:30 am; and some Friday afternoons, 2:00 to 3:00 pm. All classes will be held in the Reference Reading Area on the Main Floor of the library. Depending on the number of participants, classes may extend beyond March. Subject matter may vary based on participants' knowledge and interests.

For more information, please contact Director Judy Wallace or Adult Services Librarian Jan Besse at 508-758-4171 or e-mail mfpl@sailsinc.org.

Diabetic Supplies Available

36,000 veterans throughout the United States may be eligible to receive all of the Diabetic Supplies at *no cost* to them. Veterans covered by private insurance may be eligible for the following items: Glucose Meter, Test Strips, Lancets, Lancing Devices, Alcohol Swabs, Control Solution, Insulin, Syringes, and more. Medicare patients may be eligible to receive all the items listed above with the exception of insulin and syringes. For more information, please contact the Veterans Office for the Towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester at 508-758-4114, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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SouthCoast Community Church

Jesus Christ has influenced world history more than any other person who has ever lived, but does it really matter to my life in 2002? SouthCoast Community Church believes that it does and would like to show you why. In their Christmas series titled "Responding To Christ" Pastor Gary Taylor is helping take a look at the way people just like you and I reacted to the birth of Christ. This week they're going to explore the wisemen's response of seeking. Many people today are wondering about spiritual issues. Where did I come from and where am I going to? What's the purpose of life? Does God exist and do I really matter to Him? These three astrologers from the East were intrigued by an anomaly in the sky and it demanded an explanation for their inquisitive minds. They hope you'll join them as they try and help you on your own personal spiritual journey.

At South Coast Community Church they're "Helping People Say, 'Yes!' to God" in all kinds of ways. God really does have a wonderful plan for our lives and Sunday mornings at SCCC are designed to help you explore the difference a relationship with Christ can make. If you attend one of their services you'll hear a practical message from The Bible, listen to some upbeat contemporary Christian music, watch a drama, comedy skit or video clip that relates to the morning's topic, and enjoy a good cup of coffee. If you have kids infant through sixth grade they can stop in at SouthCoast Kids and have a great time learning about God at their own level. They meet 10:00 am on Sunday mornings at Sippican School in Marion. For more information and directions please see their website at www.southcoastcommunitychurch.org or call Pastor Gary Taylor at 508-748-3200.

"Amazing Grace" Program

"What's So Amazing About Grace," an eight-week video program based on the best-selling book by Philip Yancey, will take place at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Fairhaven beginning Wednesday, January 8. The program covers forgiveness, God's acceptance, and how small acts of love change the world. The group meets from 7:00 to 8:15 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 315 Main Street in Fairhaven. The program is FREE and is open to all. For more information, please call 508-992-2281.

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Congregational Church invite you to come worship with them every Sunday at 10:00 am. Music is provided by organist Denise Wright. On the second Sunday of each month the guest speaker is Chaplain E.W. "Bud" Holland, CDR, USN (Retired). Following his service, you are invited to join the congregation for brunch. For more information, please call 508-763-8838.

On Monday and Thursday, 5:00 to 6:00 pm, Youth Karate Classes are held at the church. Please call 1-800-730-7603 for more information.

Holiday Gifts for Vets

The Office of Veterans Services for the Towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester has received numerous phone calls in regards to forwarding cards and gifts to veterans who are currently serving in the military. If anyone has a relative or friend currently serving in the United States or abroad and would like them to receive a care package, please contact the Veterans Office at 508-758-4114, Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Gifts for Animal Shelters

A food and supply drive for local animal shelters is being held at Bethany's Salty Dogs and Coastal Kittys in support of Cause for Paws, Mattapoisett, and the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. Dog, puppy, cat and kitten food, kitty litter, blankets, bottled water, toys, treats, towels, and cleaning supplies are items particularly needed. Donations can be dropped off at Bethany's Salty Dogs and Coastal Kittys, 4 Prospect Road in Mattapoisett, anytime before Christmas. Please call 508-758-3677 for more information.

Rochester Journal 4

Work has begun on the fourth volume of the *Rochester Journal*, a series of books that records personal and intimate views on the town of Rochester, MA, to be published by the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library. They accept stories, poems, artwork, photographs, copies of old articles from newspapers or magazines, old advertisements, and anything else you can think of. If you don't feel comfortable writing the story yourself, get a friend or relative to tape you as you tell it to them and submit the tape to the publishers. They'll take your stories any way you can get them to them.

In this volume, in addition to regular stories, there is going to be a special section featuring the Rochester Fire Department. If you have stories about the Fire Department, information about firefighters past or present, or photos, you are invited to contact Lucy Loomis at 508-763-8600, or e-mail her at plumblibrary@yahoo.com.

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If you wish to receive these materials, please contact the Ford Middle School at 508-998-0265 between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm. *Records remaining will be destroyed on or around December 30, 2002.*

Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

The Friends held their Annual Christmas Party for Mattapoisett seniors on December 12 and a good time was had by all.

Dinner for Two

Dinner for Two books continue to be available at the Council on Aging (COA) for \$29.95 each. You buy one dinner and get the second one free at participating area restaurants. This is a great way to try different restaurants in the area and at the same time help a worthy cause. The books can now be purchased at the Mattapoisett Senior

Center or by calling Lorraine at 508-758-9780 for delivery. Remember, these books also make great Christmas gifts!

Passes at Marion Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library once again has free passes for the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston. The passes admit two adults to the museum on a designated day, and may be reserved ahead of time for that particular day at the Circulation Desk, or by calling the library at 508-748-1252.

Under a new system instituted by the museum, patrons show the passes to gain entrance to the MFA, and they must turn in the passes at the museum on the specified day. The passes are good for that day only.

Patrons should also note that the passes are good for general admission, but not for special exhibits at the MFA. Special exhibit tickets must be reserved or purchased through the MFA.

These free passes to one of the finest art museums in the world are available to Elizabeth Taber Library patrons only because of the generosity of Marion Library Association members. For further information, please call (508-748-1252) or stop by the library in Marion.

Dining Books at Rochester Library

Dinner for Two Dining Books are now available at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester. The dining and entertainment coupon books sell for \$29.95 and provide discounted dining opportunities at over 100 area restaurants and attractions. Each book contains over \$1,500 worth of free dining, plays, concerts, and cruises. Proceeds from the sale of the books benefit the Friends of the Plumb Library, and go towards enhancing library programs and services. *Dinner for Two* books make a great gift for friends and family members. They may be purchased at the library during regular library hours.

Cans and Bottles for Bands

The Old Hammondtown Concert and Jazz Bands continue to welcome donations of clean cans and bottles. Cans and bottles can be dropped off at the OHS parking lot between 9:00 and 10:00 am every Saturday. This year the OHS Concert Band has the unique opportunity to have composer Sean O'Loughlin write a special piece for the band. Donations have helped fund this exciting experience for the children. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mattapoisett Scalping Notice

Effective immediately, all Mattapoisett waters will be open to scalping, now including Mattapoisett Inner Harbor (north of Ned's Point Lighthouse to Mansfield dock) and Brandt Island Cove. All commercial scallop permit holders must be landed at town pier unless otherwise instructed.

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SouthCoast Aquatics, Inc.

It's finally happening! After over five years of discussion, dreaming, and deliberation, SouthCoast Aquatics has become a reality. What is SouthCoast Aquatics (SCA)? SCA is the only non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which exists to promote competitive swimming and diving in the Southeastern Massachusetts area.

SouthCoast Aquatics is a competitive swimming program designed to develop athletes from the novice swimmer to the most advance Olympic hopeful for local, regional, national and international competition. They serve the communities of the SouthCoast Region of Massachusetts, and promote, foster, support and encourage all aspects of competitive swimming. Their goals include the education, promotion of health and the advancement and sponsorship of our local age group swimmers. On November 2, 2001, SCA officially became a non-profit organization with in the State of Massachusetts. We are registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General and have been awarded a certificate for solicitation (Account# 041134). On November 13, SCA received its letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service making SCA an official 501(c)(3) organization. This status exempts SCA from federal income tax and makes all donations to our organization tax deductible (as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code). SouthCoast Aquatics has finally become a reality!

SouthCoast Aquatics has very big dreams! Their long-range goal includes the construction of a premier aquatics facility somewhere in the greater New Bedford area (several towns and developers have already begun to express interest in the project). Those of you who have been involved in the swimming community for any amount of time realize the need for a facility which can meet the needs of the many athletes and individuals in our area. They are currently setting fundraising goals so that they can develop an enterprise plan. They plan on hiring the firm of Counsilman/Hunsaker and Associates to develop this plan. This firm is a group of specialist who focus entirely on the planning and design of swimming and diving facilities and the poolscape in which they are located. The more than 400 projects can be viewed at www.chah2o.com.

The group's dream project will include a 50-meter by 25-yard competition pool; a six-lane 25 yard diving well; a six-lane 25-yard shallow warm water lesson/therapy pool; and a state of the art leisure pool area. For those unfamiliar with leisure pools, imagine a miniature indoor water park! Plans also include dry-land training areas, weight training facilities, class rooms, dormitories and spectator seating. SCA believes that such a facility will be an asset to community members, area businesses and most importantly to the area's children and competitive swimmers.

A project of this magnitude can only be accom-

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MOVIE REVIEW

Off Trek

By Rob Gonsalves
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Star Trek: Nemesis. Starring Patrick Stewart and the usual crew. Directed by Stuart Baird. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At AMC Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinema 12 in New Bedford.

What took so long? I mean, I don't *care* all that much, but ... it took four years for Paramount to come up with *this*? The *Star Trek* movies, in recent years, have been reliable every-two-years affairs; one expected *Star Trek: Nemesis*, the *Enterprise's* first voyage since 1998, to be something special. Bigger special effects? A complex and compelling script that required months turning into years of rewrites just to get perfectly right? A villain unlike any we'd seen before? A pallid rehash of *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* with a side order of cloning borrowed from George Lucas? Bingo.

If you're bothering to read this, you probably know the players. Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) is preparing to bid farewell to Commander Riker (Jonathan Frakes), who's assuming command of another ship, and Counselor Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis), who's now married to Riker. Data (Brent Spiner) confronts a replica of himself, called B-4. And that's about it for the character development this time out. Before long, Picard and crew are thrown into the middle of a fight between the Romulans (represented by a nearly unrecognizable Dina Meyer, from *Starship Troopers*) and the Remans (represented by a totally unrecognizable Ron Perlman, from every film that requires heavy make-up). The instigator? Praetor Shinzon (Tom Hardy), a bitter clone of Picard who suffered at the hands of the Romulans and now seeks revenge.

There's entirely too much gum-flapping (especially between Picard and Shinzon, as if their animosity were of Shakespearean import) and not nearly enough fun, action, or tension. You need only look to *Star Trek II* to see how it should be done: with a conflict that counts for something, emotions running high, and Ricardo Montalban flaring his nostrils like a maddened horse as he steals the movie. Montalban's Khan was sufficiently crazed and blood-lusty to give even the complacent Kirk serious pause. The nemesis of *Nemesis* looks



like a British chemo patient wearing a Christmas tree made of licorice, and if we're meant to sense blood hostility between him and Picard, we don't. Shinzon is yet another sneering heavy bent on galactic domination.

Paramount made a grave error in handing the directorial keys to Stuart Baird, a former editor turned director of uninspired action flicks (*Executive Decision*, *U.S. Marshals*). Whatever one thought of the previous two *Trek* adventures (I liked *First Contact*, yawned at *Insurrection*), the action sequences — courtesy of Jonathan Frakes, who directed like a lumberjack — had hair on their chests. Frakes (who was apparently busy directing *Clockstoppers*) brought some red-blooded, meat-eating gusto back to the series, which is what these films need if they're not to disappear into the ozone of leftover Gene Roddenberry Lofty Ideas. Baird takes the franchise back to the clunky tedium of *Generations*, staging endless shootouts between one computer-generated ship and another computer-generated ship.

You may have heard two things: one, that a major character dies, and two, that this is reportedly the last big-screen voyage for the *Next Generation* crew. I can't speak to the former without indulging in spoilers, though I will say it's the most boringly reversible sacrifice in recent memory. As to the latter, I certainly hope so. *Star Trek* has served Paramount long and well for almost four decades. As tough as it may be for the studio to let go of its final big franchise, maybe it's time. To keep it going any longer serves only to keep Trekkie nostalgia stoked and Paramount's coffers full.

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 Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) - 12:05, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
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 Santa Clause 2 (G) - 12:20, 2:35, 5:00
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 Die Another Day (PG-13) - 7:10, 9:55
 Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) - 2:30, 4:30
 Drumline (PG-13) - 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
 Analyze That (R) - 7:25, 9:35
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 Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) - 1:20, 3:05, 4:50, 7:30, 9:30
 Harry Potter/Chamber of Secrets (PG) - 1:15, 4:30, 7:50
 Analyze That (R) - 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30
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 Die Another Day (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35
 Treasure Planet (PG) - 1:50, 4:10, 7:05
 The Ring (PG-13) - 2:10, 4:30, 6:50
 Friday After Next (R) - 9:10
 Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:00, 7:20, 9:40
 Drumline (PG-13) - 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
 The Hot Chick (PG-13) - 2:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25

plished with the help of many individuals, organizations, agencies and area businesses. Therefore, they needed to create a win-win situation for all who will be involved. This is how SouthCoast Aquatics was born.

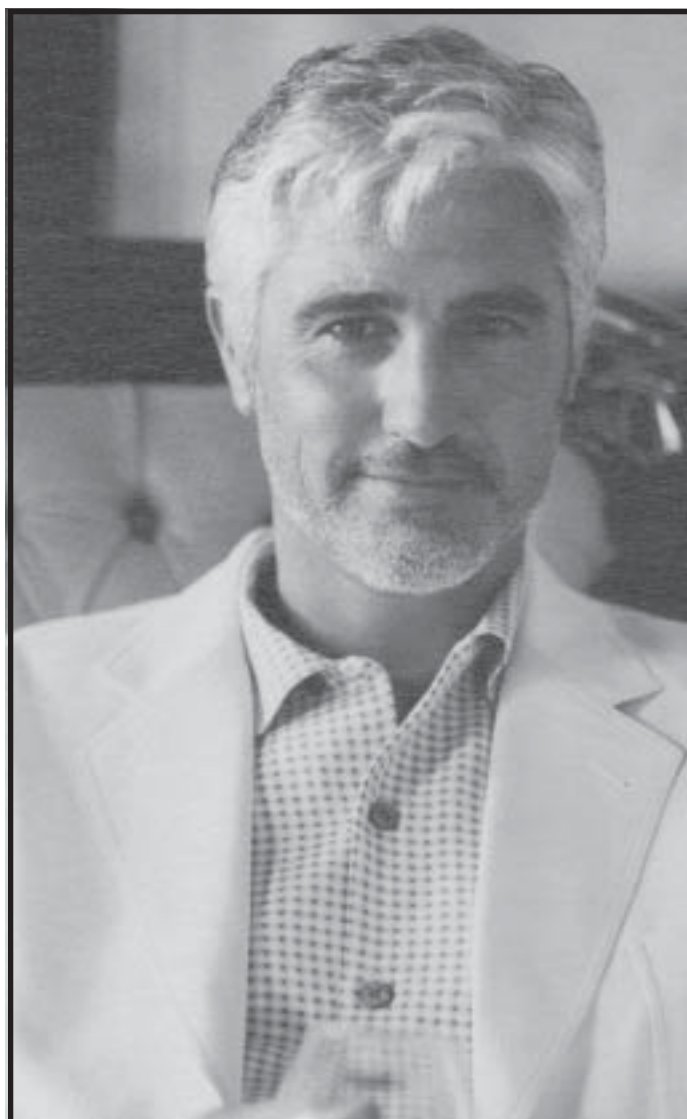
Will there be enough interest? As a member of the SouthCoast area you realize that you can find water almost everywhere you go. Whether it is the miles of coastal shores which define the southernmost borders, the ponds and lakes dotting our region or the plethora of backyard swimming pools throughout the area. Still you ask, why will a year-round aquatics facility benefit our community? Drowning is the second leading cause of death among children.

Swimming affects every person's life. Either you can swim, or you can't. Can you swim? Can your children save themselves if they fall unexpectedly into water? Could you save your child or grandchild? There are many success stories where fewer drowning accidents have occurred thanks to assertive community action. SouthCoast Aquatics wants to take the lead and promote water safety and awareness training year-round for the whole community and the schools. Through aggressive fundraising they can introduce swimming lessons into school curriculums. SCA does not want children falling through the cracks because of lack of financial means. SouthCoast Aquatics will be dedicated to providing year round water safety and swimming lessons to all who wish to participate.

Besides water safety and swimming lessons why else would a year round aquatics facility be beneficial to the SouthCoast? Here are some examples: lifeguard training; scuba diving; synchronized swimming; water polo; high school PE classes; lap swimming; masters swimming; kayaking; river running skills; parties (birthdays, youth groups, etc.); high school/college swimming and diving programs; age group swimming; diving programs; underwater hockey; water aerobics; arthritis water fitness; water walking; physical therapy; adult swim lessons; water volleyball; dry land and weight training; and year-round attendance at our indoor water park!

As you can see a facility of this type could be occupied from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm every day with all the activities listed above. How would an aquatics center impact the local businesses? Age group swim meets take place usually over a two to three day period. Because of the lack of facilities in New England area teams travel great distances to compete. Meets can attract over 300 families to the area for a three-day weekend. This type of facility would be a boon to local hotels/motels and area restaurants. Not to mention our area merchants especially in the areas with tourist attractions like the Whaling Museum, National Park, Buttonwood Park Zoo and soon-to-be-built Oceanarium.

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New Bedford Youth Ballet will be performing this heart-warming story of *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The performance will take place at the Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford.

All proceeds from the ballets will go to the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. Throughout the years the foundation has granted numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call 508-993-1387.



Emily Wingate of Mattapoisett (left) and Nicole Gautreau of New Bedford (right) will appear as "Chinese Tea" in the New Bedford Youth Ballet production of *The Mini Nutcracker*, to be staged at the Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm and on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call 508-993-1387.



The ORR High School Drama Club was asked again this year to carol in period attire at the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett on Saturday, December 14. Under the direction of Paul Sardinha (seated at piano) are (l. to r.) Kate Duglosinski, Jordan Butterfield, Dena Rentumis, Helen Blake, Lindsey Butterfield (hiding), Erica Hebert, Danielle Blair, Julie Langevin, Kevin McCarthy, and Lou Sommo. The ORR Drama Club is looking forward to their spring production of *Les Miserables* which began tryouts this week.



Frank Wilhelm, Musical Director of the South Coast Community Chorale, recently conducted a rehearsal of the group which will present their Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church (corner of Pine and Linden Streets) in Fall River. Advanced tickets are available from Chorale members at a cost of \$8 each or can be obtained by calling 508-679-8427 or 508-379-0278. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10 each. The first half of this year's concert will feature selections from Handel's *The Messiah* and Judas Maccabaeus and the second half will focus on more traditional Christmas carols.

the 2000 Olympic games to find some of the best role models in all of sports. The Olympic swim team had some of the finest athletes/scholars in the world. In an age in which athletic role models in our society are not what we want our children to become, swimming has continued to hold the standard very high.

Academically children's performance is enhanced by participation in competitive swimming. Of all college athletes at any level swimmers have the highest graduation rate. Research has shown that children who participate in competitive swimming have lower drop-out rates, lower pregnancy rates and higher grade point averages among athletes. These programs teach our children life lessons. The skills they learn through participation are with them for life. Unlike most sports swimming can be enjoyed for many years.

SouthCoast Aquatics is a tremendous undertaking. It will take volunteers from all parts of our community. SCA has no doubts that there will be bumps in the road, but the important part is that they have begun. In the upcoming months they will be updating everyone on their progress and maybe asking for some assistance. If you have any questions, comments or ideas please contact Bob Gauvin at 508-951-7080 and leave a message or e-mail at robgov89@yahoo.com.

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A Letter to Santa

By Kenneth J. Souza
news@wanderer.com

Dear Santa:

I know you're pretty busy this time of year, packing gifts and toys for all the "good little girls and boys," but I just wanted to let you know that I'm forgoing my usual list of DVDs and CDs this year to request a few much-needed gifts for others ... things I don't think they're likely to include on their own Christmas wish lists.

Please don't consider this a selfless and generous act or an attempt to get in your good graces — in most cases these requests will do more for my peace of mind than they will for their recipients — but if you see fit to reward my efforts next year, I'd really like a Bose Wave Radio.

First off, could you give Senator Trent Lott a dose of good, old-fashioned common sense and a gentle reminder that we are, in fact, living in the 21st century? While you're at it, he looks like he could really use a new job soon. And maybe a new hairpiece, too.

Speaking of hair, I'd like to ask that you give Senator John Kerry the complete videotape collection of "Mike Dukakis on the Presidential Campaign Trail" so he can be constantly reminded what happens when a bland, middle-of-the-road Bay State Democrat runs for the White House.

Santa, could you please find a nice, cushy job for the now-out-of-work Bernard Cardinal Law? But nothing too demanding or stressful — maybe a job in the public sector since he seems so out-of-touch with the common man? Oh, and I guess Al Gore needs something to do now, too. Maybe he and Bernie can make guest appearances on various TV shows? I can see the former Archbishop on *Law & Order* (think of the promo possibilities: "Law on Law"!) and since Gore just did *Saturday Night Live*, he needs to find a meatier dramatic role ... how about as one of the undead on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*? Not a big stretch for a stiff and he really hasn't need for much makeup, either.

As for TV shows, is there any way you can take the cumulative amount of drugs and alcohol which

Ozzy Osbourne has ingested over the years and force-feed them all to Anna Nicole Smith on Christmas Eve? Just tell her it's a new type of egg nog ... she'll believe you.

I was going to suggest a shopping spree or gift certificate for Winona Ryder, but that's just too tempting now that I think about it!

Any chance you could arrange to smoke out Osama Bin Laden anytime soon? Assuming that you're making a scheduled stop at his "home" on Christmas Eve, would it be so hard to tip us off to his whereabouts? You've got to admit, he's been pretty naughty of late.

As for Saddam Hussein ... well, at some point during your around-the-world venture I'm sure Rudolph and his pals are going to need to make a pit stop or two. Use your imagination. I hear Saddam is rather obsessive-compulsive and none-too-keen on "unsanitary" things.

Ah, yes. Michael Jackson. Hmm. How about a lifetime locked up in a room, completely devoid of any other "human" contact? That's not really so much a gift for him as it is for everyone else in the world who's sick of his plastic face and equally plastic personality. That this man-beast still occupies an albeit tiny portion of my collective memory is punishment enough. Why do I still have to endure his ongoing court battles and ill-treatment of children?

Have I left anyone out?

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Ken.



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The following log excerpts are for the week of December 8 through December 14, 2002:

- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Washburn Lane – animal complaint
- Washburn Park Road – animal complaint
- Mill Street – parking violation
- Wianno Road – mental assist
- Ryders Lane – parking violation
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – incapacitated person (drunkenness/protective custody)
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle complaint
- Wareham Road – armed robbery
- Front Street – burglar alarm
- Pumping Station Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Register Road – animal complaint
- Mill Street – fire alarm
- Holmes Street – missing person
- Pitcher Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Holly Pond Road – abandoned 911 call
- Olde Farm Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – officer wanted
- Olde Knoll Road – found property
- Parkway Lane – officer wanted
- Spring Street – suspicious person
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Cross Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle

- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Dexter Road – vandalism/past
- Point Road – animal complaint
- West Avenue – vandalism/past
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- Cottage Street – parking violation
- Route 195 West – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation)
- Ryders Lane – found property
- Green Street – parking violation
- Green Street – suspicious activity.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 8 through December 14, 2002:

- Randall Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Road – property found
- Marion Road – domestic disturbance
- Acushnet Road – unwanted person
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle crash
- Dyar Road – animal control
- Rocky Knook Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – animal control
- Marion Road – vandalism
- North Street – suspicious persons
- North Street – property found
- Hillside Avenue – property lost
- Holly Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Shore Drive – domestic disturbance
- Bay Shore Drive – suspicious persons
- Acushnet Road – safety/road hazard
- Marion Road – assault
- Brant Beach Avenue – weapons/firearms violation

- Fairhaven Road – animal control
- North Street – vandalism
- Brant Beach Avenue – weapons/firearms violation
- Island View Avenue – disturbance
- Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Homestead Court – serve summons
- Riverside Drive – burglar alarm
- Marion Road – ambulance request
- Ned's Point Road – burglar alarm
- Spring Street – assist other agency/mutual aid.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 9 through December 16, 2002:

- Snipatuit Road – highway matter
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Dexter Lane – utility problem
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- North Avenue – reported gun shots
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Burgess Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – trespassing
- Wordell Street – assist fire department
- Wordell Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – aid to public
- Robinson Road – missing person
- Rounseville Road – aid to public
- R.F. Morse – suspicious person
- Alley Road – officer wanted
- Dexter Lane – highway matter
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – suspicious activity
- Cranberry Highway – disturbance
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- High Street – officer wanted
- Route 195 West – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Neck Road – adult arrest (warrant, speeding)
- New Bedford Road – adult arrest (warrant).



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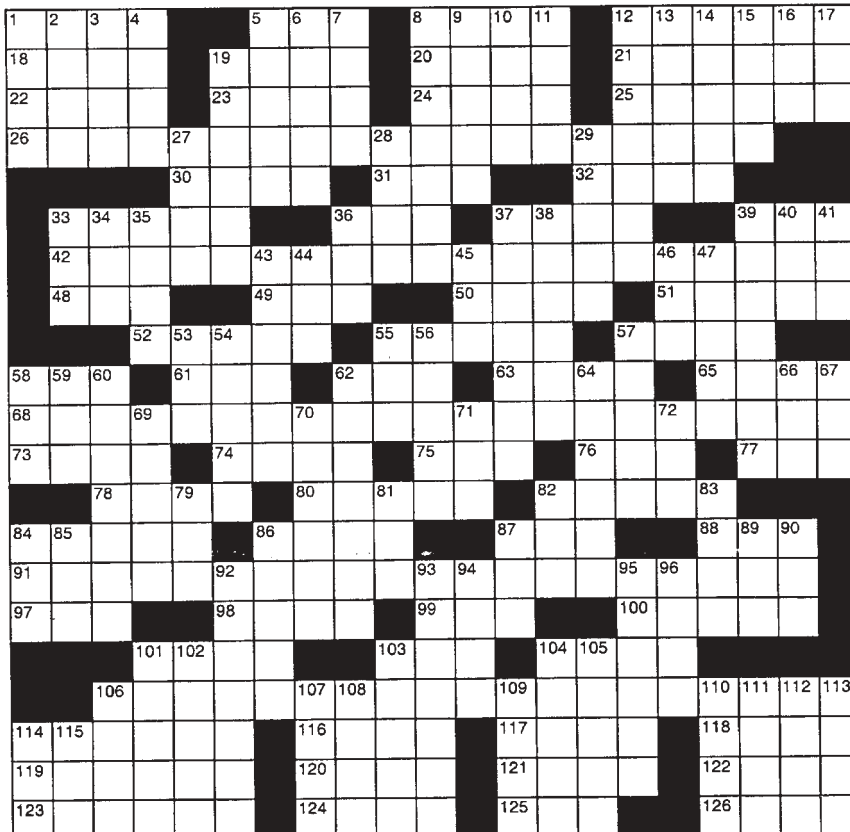
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

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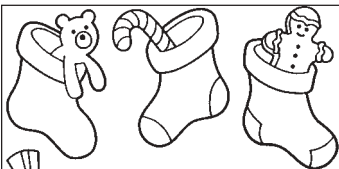
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Sharen C.</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #821 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue, who are seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.5.d. to allow a sign larger than the allowed nine (9) square feet. The property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 44 lot 5. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2003, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 12/19, 12/ 26</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH The Rochester Board of Health voted October 02, 2002 to approve fees for permits and services under regulations as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31. These fees are effective as of January 1, 2003. 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The proposed project is family related apartment addition on west side of house between house and studio. The project is located at 67 Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett, Assessors Map 17, Lot 78A. Conservation Commission 12/19</p> <hr/> <p>SPORTS QUIZ By Chris Richcreek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was the last manager before Bob Brenly with Arizona in 2001 to guide his club to a World Series title without having been a manager in the majors prior to the title season? 2. Who was the first third baseman in major-league history to have at least 25 homers, 25 stolen bases, 100 RBIs and 100 runs scored in the same season? 3. Entering 2002, which Big Ten team had gone the longest without playing in a college football bowl game? 4. Name the last team before New Jersey in 2002 to reach the NBA Finals after not making the playoffs the previous season. 5. Who was the only NHL player to score exactly 500 goals for his career? 6. Who was the last driver before Helio Castroneves in 2001-02 to win back-to-back Indy 500 races? 7. What was Goran Ivanisevic's ranking when he won the Wimbledon men's singles championship as a wild-card entry in 2001? <p>Answers 1. Ralph Houk with the New York Yankees in 1961. 2. Corey Koskie in 2001 with the Minnesota Twins. 3. Indiana last played in a bowl game in 1993. 4. The Seattle SuperSonics in 1978. 5. Lanny McDonald, who played for three NHL teams. 6. Al Unser in 1970-71. 7. Ivanisevic was ranked 125th.</p> <p>(c) 2002 King Features Synd., Inc.</p>

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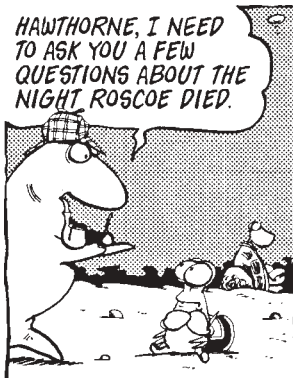
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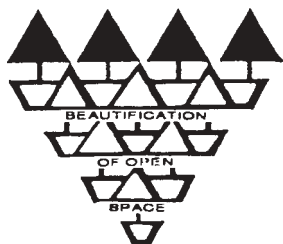
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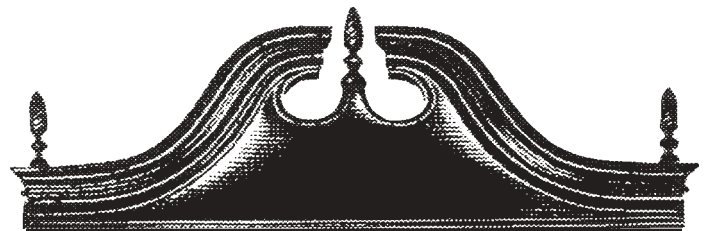
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that their own child not be told that he or she will receive the benefit of free or reduced-priced meals. The student is told that their meal tickets are pre-paid (which they are, by the federal government), and these tickets are handled the same as the meal tickets purchased by students paying the full price.

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Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
December 19:	Thurs.	7:15	7:41	12:21	1:27
December 20:	Fri.	7:54	8:23	1:02	2:08
December 21:	Sat.	8:36	9:08	1:43	2:47
December 22:	Sun.	9:21	9:55	2:25	3:25
December 23:	Mon.	10:10	10:46	3:08	4:04
December 24:	Tues.	11:02	11:39	3:55	4:47
December 25:	Wed.	11:56	...	4:49	5:37
December 26:	Thurs.	12:33	12:52	5:52	6:36
December 27:	Fri.	1:30	1:50	7:12	7:43
December 28:	Sat.	2:29	2:52	8:40	8:45
December 29:	Sun.	3:31	3:56	9:51	9:29
December 30:	Mon.	4:33	4:57	10:49	10:29
December 31:	Tues.	5:31	5:53	11:42	11:18
January 1:	Wed.	6:24	6:45	12:35	...
January 2:	Thurs.	7:15	7:35	12:06	1:24
January 3:	Fri.	8:05	8:25	12:57	2:10
January 4:	Sat.	8:52	9:13	1:44	2:49
January 5:	Sun.	9:40	10:01	2:31	3:26

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	December 19th
	Last Quarter	December 26th
	New Moon	January 2nd
	First Quarter	January 10th

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